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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Epstein

FOR: APTAMER THERAPEUTICS USEFUL IN OCULAR  
PHARMACOTHERAPY

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a non-provisional patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims priority to USSN 60/441,347 filed January 21, 2003, USSN 60/463,095 filed April 15, 2003, USSN 60/464,179 filed April 21, 2003, USSN 60/465,055 filed April 23, 2003, USSN 60/469,628 filed May 8, 2003, USSN 60/474,680 filed May 29, 2003, USSN 60/491,019 filed July 29, 2003, USSN 60/512,071 filed October 17, 2003, EV139502553US filed January 16, 2004, and EV328182553US filed January 16, 2004.
2. This application is a total of 75 pages. This application includes:
  - 70 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
  - 4 pages of claims
  - 1 page of abstract.
3. This application includes 26 pages of drawings: Figures 1- 22C (Informal).
4. A Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (unsigned) is included (3 pgs.).
5. A sequence listing is included:
  - Paper copy of Sequence Listing (72 Pages)
  - Computer Readable Format of Sequence Listing (1 Diskette)
  - Statement in Support of Computer Readable Format (1 Page).

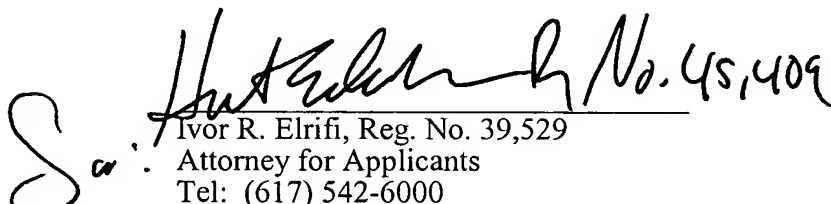
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6. Small Entity status is appropriate for this application.
7. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	39	- 20	19	\$18.00	\$342.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	7	- 3	4	\$86.00	\$344.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	0	0	0	\$290.00	0
SUBTOTAL:					\$1456.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:					\$728.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$728.00

8. A check (#17923) in the amount of **\$728.00** is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-547 (ARC-47).
9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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